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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1.-34. (Canceled).
35. (Previously presented) A drilling or servicing fluid composition comprising:
an aqueous liquid as the continuous phase;
one or more surfactants;
aphrons; and
one or more aphron stabilizers, wherein at least one said aphron stabilizer comprises polyvinyl alcohol, and the composition comprises from about 0.05% to about 2% by weight aphron stabilizer.
- 36-40. (Canceled)
41. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 35 further comprising one or more viscosifiers.
42. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 35 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 20 hours.
43. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 35 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 75 hours.

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44. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 35 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 150 hours.

45. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 35 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 200 hours.